

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. -25. (canceled)

26. (new) A center system for supplying services to users through a network on the basis of contents from a supplier, said center system comprising:

a first module for determining usage amount by which the users use said center system through the network;

a second module for calculating the usage amount in a predetermined term;
and

a third module for comparing the calculated usage amount with a predetermined usage amount, determining that the management of said center system pays a charge to the supplier when the calculated usage amount is less than the predetermined usage amount, and determining that the management of said center system receives a charge from the supplier when the calculated usage amount is more than the predetermined usage amount.

27. (new) A center system according to claim 26, wherein the usage amount is the number of accesses to the center system by the users, a period of time for access to the center system by the users, the number of services from the center

system to the users, a period of time for services from the center system to the users, or a period of time from an establishment time to the present.

28. (new) A center system according to claim 26,
wherein the usage amount is the number of accesses to the center system by the users,
wherein the first module determines the number of accesses per day, and
wherein the second module calculates the total number of accesses for one month.

29. (new) A center system according to claim 26, further comprising a fourth module for transmitting settlement information of a user relating to a service supplied to the user to a financial institution, when the service is supplied to the user.

30. (new) A processing method in a center system for supplying services to users through a network on the basis of contents from a supplier, said processing method comprising:

a first step for determining usage amount by which the users use said center system through the network;

a second step for calculating the usage amount in a predetermined term; and

a third step for comparing the calculated usage amount with a predetermined usage amount, determining that the management of said center system pays a charge to the supplier when the calculated usage amount is less than the

predetermined usage amount, and determining that the management of said center system receives a charge from the supplier when the calculated usage amount is more than the predetermined usage amount.

31. (new) A processing method according to claim 30, wherein the usage amount is the number of accesses to the center system by the users, a period of time for access to the center system by the users, the number of services from the center system to the users, a period of time for services from the center system to the users, or a period of time from an establishment time to the present.

32. (new) A processing method according to claim 30,
wherein the usage amount is the number of accesses to the center system by the users,
wherein the first step determines the number of the accesses per day, and
wherein the second step calculates the total number of the accesses for one month.

33. (new) A processing method according to claim 30, further comprising a fourth step for transmitting settlement information of a user relating to a service supplied to the user to a financial institution, when the service is supplied to the user.

34. (new) A center system for supplying services to users through a network on the basis of information contents from a first supplier and business contents from a second supplier, said center system comprising:

a first module for determining usage amount by which the users use said center system through the network;

a second module for calculating the usage amount in a predetermined term;
and

a third module for comparing the calculated usage amount with a predetermined usage amount, determining that the management of said center system pays a charge to the second supplier when the calculated usage amount is less than the predetermined usage amount, and determining that the management of said center system receives a charge from the second supplier when the calculated usage amount is more than the predetermined usage amount.

35. (new) A center system according to claim 34,
wherein the first supplier supplies sight-seeing information; and
wherein the second supplier is a hotel.

36. (new) A processing method in a center system for supplying services to users through a network on the basis of information contents from a first supplier and business contents from a second supplier, said processing method comprising:

a first step for determining usage amount by which the users use said center system through the network;

a second step for calculating the usage amount in a predetermined term; and
a third step for comparing the calculated usage amount with a predetermined usage amount, determining that the management of said center system pays a charge to the second supplier when the calculated usage amount is less than the predetermined usage amount, and determining that the management of said center system receives a charge from the second supplier when the calculated usage amount is more than the predetermined usage amount.

37. (new) A processing method according to claim 36,
wherein the first supplier supplies sight-seeing information, and
wherein the second supplier is a hotel.

38. (new) A center system for supplying services to users through a network on the basis of contents from a supplier, said center system comprising:

a first module for determining usage amount by which the users use said center system through the network;

a second module for calculating the usage amount in a predetermined term;
and

a third module for comparing the calculated usage amount with a predetermined usage amount to determine whether the center system is in an inauguration period or in a stable period, determining that the management of said center system pays a charge to the supplier when the center system is in the

inauguration period, and determining that the management of said center system receives a charge from the supplier when the center system is in the stable period.

39. (new) A processing method in a center system for supplying services to users through a network on the basis of contents from a supplier, said processing method comprising:

a first step for determining usage amount by which the users use said center system through the network;

a second step for calculating the usage amount in a predetermined term; and

a third step for comparing the calculated usage amount with a predetermined usage amount to determine whether the center system is in an inauguration period or in a stable period, determining that the management of said center system pays a charge to the supplier when the center system is in the inauguration period, and determining that the management of said center system receives a charge from the supplier when the center system is in the stable period.